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Vines-Collier-Hicks Cupboard, A True Family Heirloom in North Carolina Museum

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The Vines-Collier-Hicks Cupboard was owned by Thomas Vines, grandfather of Vines Collier. The cupboard was inherited by Judith Collier, sister of Vines, who married James Hicks, Sr. CHF is grateful to MESDA for permission to use this photograph.

Here is a true, authenticated Collier family heirloom. The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) of Old Salem, North Carolina is the repository of a court cupboard from the Collier family. The cupboard is one of only two surviving southern-made court cupboards and is a centerpiece in the MESDA collection. The cupboard's connection to the Vines-Collier-Hicks family of York and Brunswick Counties in Virginia is intact.

This 17th century American cupboard was part of the estate of Thomas Vines and passed through the female line to his daughter Ann. Ann Vines married Isaac Collier and the couple had eight children. The cupboard passed to one of the daughters, Judith Collier, who married James Hicks, Sr. Vines Collier was the son of Isaac Collier and Ann Vines and the brother of Judith.

The cupboard is featured twice in articles of *The Magazine Antiques* – in March 2005 and again in January 2007. The January issue of *Magazine Antiques* was brought to the attention of CHF several years ago by Vines Collier descendant, the late William Ramon Collier. Vines Collier, brother of Judith

Collier Hicks (one of the owners of the cupboard), removed from Brunswick County, VA to Wilkes County (now Oglethorpe County) Georgia around 1790. The Vines Collier home, constructed at about that time, is still standing and is occupied by Mr. Jack Howard who is a descendant of the Howards who purchased the plantation in 1836.

Known as the Vines-Collier-Hicks Cupboard, the item has long been a prized mainstay of the museum great hall exhibit. According to the publication, *Magazine Antiques*, the cupboard was purchased by an antique dealer in the 1920's. At that time it was "used to store smoked hams and tools on the back porch" of the home of a Vines family descendant..

The papers of Jena Cuthbert (J C) Collier show that he was aware of the cupboard in 1931 or earlier, as evidenced by this letter from the Clerk of the Circuit court in Yorktown, Virginia. The letter was in response to an inquiry by J C Collier who was trying to locate the owner of the cupboard.

FLOYD HOLLOWAY, CLERK
AND
COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS

FRANK ARMISTEAD, JUDGE
WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

Office
Clerk of the Circuit Court
York County
Yorktown, Va.

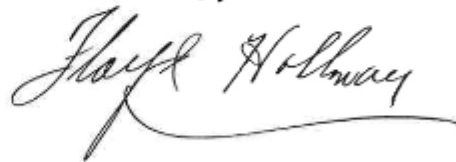
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Mr. J. C. Collier,
Barnesville, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of January the 12th 1931 and I note what you had to say. The address and name of the party that has the cupboard is Mrs. B. L. Brockwell- 232 N. Market Street, Petersburg, Virginia. There are quite a few Vines, Colliers, Mihils and Hansford in fact the Colliers- Mihils and Hansfords are all related. We also have a Lockey Collier up here and we have Lockkeys- but not Lockkeys.

Your truly,



The Clerk referred him to Mrs. B. L. Brockwell, Petersburg, Virginia. J C apparently sent a letter to Mrs. Brockwell which resulted in this picture of the cupboard in its unrestored state and the accompanying letter.



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MRS. B. L. BROCKWELL

ANTIQUES
IN ROUGH

PHONE 1449-W

232 N. MARKET ST.

PETERSBURG, VA.

March 3, 1931

Mr. J. C. Collier,
Dear Sir:

I received your very interesting letter some time ago and would have answered before but we have had the flu and no writing has been done.

I am enclosing a photo of the Court Cupboard which you asked about in your letter. Although I was a Collier I did not inherit the peice but purchased it from a Mr. Smith at South Hill, Va., a direct descendent of Anne Vines Hicks Walker. The peice has not been out of the family since it was built.

According to the records at Yorktown we have gathered that the cupboard was brought into the Collier family through the marriage of Anne Vines and Isaac Collier. We are almost sure that we are going to be able to trace it back to Nathaniel West,

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Lord Delaware's brother, who came over in 1610. His daughter married a Hill and their daughter married a Vines. Thomas Vines (2) left this cupboard to Anne Vines and Isaac Collier.

On account of its great age and its historical value and the fact that it was built in America, makes it a very valuable piece of furniture and we have been offered from eight to sixteen thousand dollars for it.

If I remember right there is a will at Yorktown dated 1675 which is Isaac Colliers. The grandfather of Isaac Collier that married Anne Vines. I believe that you could find a great deal about the Colliers at this place and perhaps some things that you do not know.

If you are ever in Petersburg again call to see us and we will tell you more of the history of the piece.

Thanking you for your interesting letter.

I am,

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Sincerely yours,
 Mrs. B. L. Brockwell

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Collier Family

York county Colliers: The records of Brunswick throw some further light upon this branch:

In, 1751, Issac Collier, of Brunswick county, made a deed to Thomas Collier, his son, of the same county. This proves that Issac Collier, as well as his son Thomas moved to Brunswick. This deed is witnessed by Andrew Froughton, Vines Collier and John Dunn.

Issac Collier made his will July 8, 1771, and it was proved October 28, 1771. It names wife Ann, sons Myhill, Vines, Thos, Charles, Issac, daughters, Elizabeth Smith, Judith Hicks and Ann Collier.

There is also the marriage bond of Myhill Collier and Tabitha Harrison, daughter of Benjamine Harrison. Witnessed by Mr. Fisher Reuben Booth and Charles Collier. Dated 26 November, 1769.

Mr. John Hardean, of Macon, Ga. Writes as follows:

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■ Vines Collier moved to Georgia and settled in Wilkes county, in a portion that was afterwards formed into Oglethorpe; there he died Sept, II, 1795, as I learn from an affidavit attached to his will. His children were Betsy Dunn, Sally Smith, Polly Owens, Ann or Nancy Hardeman (my great-grandmother), Issac, Thomas, John, William, Vines, Benjamine, Williamson, Robert and Cuthbert. Nancy or Ann married John Hardeman, who was the son of John or Thomas Hardeman and Dorothy or Judith Edwards of Virginia. Robert and Issac were both members of the Georgia Legislative, and so the grandsons Robert V. Hardeman and Benjamin Hardeman, both serving in the State Senate and House of Representatives, and his great-grandsons Sam H. Hardeman, Thomas and Robert U. Hardeman also in the legislature, Robert in the lower house and Thomas in both houses. Thomas Jr. twice represented the state in the United States Congress, and his youngest brother Robert U. was for twelve years State Treasurer, and S. H. Hardeman was for years judge of the Superior Court of Wilkes county.

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Robert V. Hardeman was for years judge of the Superior Court, Comulgee Circuit. The following members of the family were justices or judges; Robert Hardeman of Oglethorpe county: Ben Collier, of Upson; B. F. Hardeman Jack Hardeman, R. V. Hardeman, Vines and Thomas Hardeman."

Colliers of York County

Charles Collier (will proved in 1722) had issue three sons and one daughter: Issac, not mentioned in the will, but eldest son, since none of the brothers of Charles Collier left any sons. In 1726 a deed from Henry Cary (son of Henry Cary and Judith Lockey his wife) and Anne his wife, and Lockey Mihill (son of John Mihill and Mary Lockey), and Sarah his wife, to Cole Digges for 200 acres in York county, recites that this is the land whereof Edward Lockey

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died seised, and which the said Cary and Mihill lately recovered by Judgment of the general court as heirs of said Edward Lockey, deceased, from Issac Collier and Foliott Power (son of John Power and Mary his wife, Widow of John Mihill?) Thomas, Charlesm and Elizabeth.

Of these Issac Collier, first named, married Ann Vines, daughter of Thomas Vines, of York County, whose will, proved August 15, 1737, names daughter Anne Collier and her husband Isaac Caollier and their children, (1) Thomas, who is said to have gone in 1749 with Lawerence Washington against Porto Bello and was afterwards second lieutenant in the Second Virginia Regiment. (2) Judith, (3) Vines, (4) Charles who is said to have accompanied his brother to Porto Bello, and was a captain in the Continental Line.

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Vines Collier removed to Brunswick and was ensign in 1758 during the French and Indian war.

Judith Collier, his sister, married James Hicks, of Brunswick, and was mother of Anne Vine Hicks Walker, who was living at an advanced age in 1860. She had also a son, Vines Collier Hicks, and in 1881 a nephew of the later, Vines Hicks Collier lived near Hickory Flat, in Chambers county, Ala. (From a letter of prof. Robert A. Hardaway, Dec. 25, 1897.)

This is copied from the William and Mary Quaterly for the year 1900. Edited by, Lyon G. Tyler.

March 4th, 1931.

232 N. Market St

Mrs. B. L. Brockwell,
232 N. Market Street,
Petersburg, Va.

Dear Mrs. Brockwell:-

I received your very interesting letter of March 3rd, together photo of Thomas Vines cupboard.

I will write you a long letter in detail tomorrow, and give you perhaps a lot of facts regarding the Collier family for four or five hundred years back that will interest you.

I have a most interesting collection that has cost us hundreds of dollars to collect.

I enclose you photo of Vines Collier's old home, situated near Lexington, Oglethorpe County Ga., this home is now owned by the Howard's for more than a hundred years. Vines died in 1795, his grave was lost on the old farm during reconstruction days, pine trees grew over it. Vines Sr., and his wife, and Vines Jr., are buried on the farm. In 1929 I searched the farm, they were growing cotton over his grave when I found it. I purchased one-half acre of land for \$50.00, and now own the spot where the three are buried.

I will write you tomorrow, giving you a lot of interesting things connected with the Isaac Collier family of Ga. My father's name was Isaac Outhbert Collier.

With sincere regards, I beg to remain

Most respectfully,

Enc.

J. C. Collier.

Two other letters mention the cupboard. The first is dated March 13, 1931 from Martha Collier in Petersburg, Virginia. Here is the letter followed by the transcription.

March 13/31.
Petersburg Va

Dear Mr Collins:-

I had a call on the phone, today from
Mr Burcknell (antique dealer) who
has in his possession, an old cup. Travel
he said it was owned by a, Mrs William Walker
(Anne Smith) daughter of Judith Collins, who
married, Capt James Hicks of Brunswick Co, Va.
according to the records I have of the Collins family
& the one I sent you, she was the daughter
of John Collins of Port Bell, King & Queen Co Va &
Hanny Expe (am I not right) he says he
has found the will, & her father is Isaac

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Cedric, and they are not related to this family, I cannot understand, why me to make such a mistake, & you not believe that they did - He phoned me about a year ago, & when I told him the date of his birth, he said, it was about a hundred years too early, er, when he phoned today, he seemed to have another line, but my data, did not seem to fit in (I wrote him) then he called again, & said, that you had sent him lots of data, was it what I sent you? he said your Grandfather was Imit Cedric, & a shape & the one I heard from was a meaner, but that was not the one he wanted, in other words, he intimated, he was going to link this antique, up with, Royalty - Lord Drummer, I know that Isaac, is a branch of this family, ^{same} why should they say that Judith is John Cedric's daughter, if she is not. Please do not mention to him that, I have heard from you, or written to you in regard to this, but I would like to know the real story about Judith's father - Thanking you in advance - Sincerely

Walter B. Cedric
405 S. Syracuse St

March 13, 31

Petersburg, Va

Dear Mr. Collier,

I had a call on the phone today from a Mr. Brockwell (antique dealer) who has in his possession an old cup board he said it was owned by a Mrs. William Walker (Anne Vines) daughter of Judith Collier, who married Capt. James Hicks of Brunswick Co., Va according to the records I have of the Collier family and the one I sent you. She was the daughter of John Collier of Porto Bello, King & Queen Co., Va & Nancy Epps (am I not right) he says he has found the will, her father is Isaac Collier, and they are not related to this family. I cannot understand anyone to make such a mistake & I do not believe that they did – he phoned me about a year ago, & when I told him the date of her birth, he said it was about a hundred years too early, & when he phoned today, he seemed to have another line, but my date did not ever to fit in (to suit him). Then he called again & said that you had sent him lots of data, was it what I sent you? He said your grand-father was Vines Collier, & a draper & the one I traced from was a weaver, but that was not the ones he wanted, in other words, he intimated he was going to link this antique up with royalty – Lord Dunmore. I know that Isaac is a branch of the same family, why should they say that Judith is John Collier daughter if she is not. Please do not mention to him that I have heard from you or written to you in regard to this but I would like to know the real dope (?) about Judiths father. I thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,

Martha R. Collier

405 S Sycamore St.

In an effort to address Martha's confusion about Collier genealogy, J C sent her a long letter detailing his work in Collier family history. No other mention of the Vines-Collier-Hicks cupboard has been found in the historical papers of J C Collier. The price quoted by Mrs Brockwell most likely tempered his interest in this family item.

March 18, 1931.

Miss Martha R. Collier,
405 South Sycamore St.,
Petersburg, Va.

My dear Martha:

Yours of March 13th received yesterday morning, but my time was taken up for the day, so I am replying today hastily.

About four weeks ago Mr. Floyd Holloway, Clerk of the Court of York County, at Yorktown, Virginia, wrote me that there was a cupboard or sideboard in existence that formerly belonged to Thomas Vines and his wife, who was Sarah Williamson, and that it was in the possession of Mrs. B. L. Brockwell, 232 North Market St., Petersburg, Va. I immediately wrote Mrs. Brockwell regarding the information that I had and she replied very promptly and sent me a photo of the cupboard, together with its history. I will not repeat the history, as you can get this from Mrs. Brockwell. However, perhaps you already know of the sideboard.

About six years ago my son, Mr. Durward Cuthbert Collier, and myself became interested in knowing more of our family. We wanted to know just who we were. I had no family record any further back than Robert Collier and his wife, Martha Booker Collier, who were married on May 1, 1806, in Putnam County, Georgia. He removed to Upson County, Georgia, in 1822 after the Indian treaty in that section.

Robert was the first Representative-Elect and the first State Senator-Elect in the Georgia General Assembly from his county. He held each office two terms.

He owned more than thirty plantations, had nearly one hundred slaves and died about 1852. His wife did not die until 1876. I own the family Bible. His descendants are scattered and are progressive and the best of citizens; for instance, William Vines Collier organized the Muscogee Cotton Mills, of Columbus, Georgia, before the Civil War, and is buried in Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia. Isaac Cuthbert Collier, his brother, was connected with Thomas Hardeman's cotton warehouse, Macon, Georgia, and died at the age of nineteen before he was married, and is buried in the Hardeman lot, Rosehill Cemetery, Macon, Georgia. Sarah Collier married J. Q. Evans, of Columbus, Georgia, and her descendants are Judge Evans, Attorney General of the State of Alabama at Montgomery, Dr. Isaac Cuthbert Evans, the leading physician of Columbus, Georgia, and a daughter by the name of Sallie, residing at Seale, Alabama, another daughter, Sarah, married in Meriwether County,

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Georgia, and her descendants are the Parhams, Dunsons, Truitts etc., of Lagrange, Georgia; another boy, Robert Marshall Collier (my grandfather) married Amanda Greene, whose father, Thomas Bass Greene, was born in Bath County, Virginia, and came to Georgia with his father, James Greene, along about 1782-85. Thomas Bass was my great-grandfather.

Robert Marshall was one of the largest cotton planters in middle Georgia and died in 1896, and he and his family are buried at Piedmont, Georgia. He freed ninety-six slaves and then after Sherman's march to the sea the stragglers from Sherman's army ransacked his plantation and carried away everything; so he had to start over; but he made another fortune after the Civil War and owned about twenty-five plantations when he died at The Rock, Upson County, Georgia.

My father, Isaac Cuthbert Collier, was the son of Robert Marshall. He was a large planter, owned many plantations, and finally purchased everything around Piedmont, Georgia. I still own these properties. They were once very valuable, but you know now the conditions of large plantations. He still own and operate them under the corporate name of I. C. & J. C. Collier, Inc.

I have never myself lived on the farm since I was twelve years old. I was the only child of my parents and they sent me away to school and I established myself in the mercantile business and along about 1900 became a cotton manufacturer.

Robert Marshall had many children. Likewise his father, Robert Collier, had another son by the name of Efford Cobb who went to Texas and has descendants in almost every city of Texas.

I learned six years ago who my great-great-grandfather was and also from whom I descended by personally going into the Society Library, New York; the Library at Richmond; the Library in Atlanta. My son also visited the libraries of London and then went to the cemetery at Stone, Staffordshire County, England, completing the knowledge that we have of the Collier family. I have not compiled any of my data secured during the past three years. I am sending you herewith enclosed a copy of what we secured five or six years ago, which is the same copy that I sent to Mrs. Brockwell and also to Charles Henry Collier, of Richmond, Virginia, who now resides at Everglades, Florida, being connected with Barron Collier in his enterprises in Florida.

During the past two years I have been trying to find out what became of the descendants of the first Isaac Collier that came to Virginia about 1650 and who married Sarah Lockely, a sister of John and Edward Lockley, of London, England. This Isaac died in 1688, and I will visit Virginia endeavoring to find his will and other records to connect up the various branches of his family.

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he married Mary _____. This is where you are wrong. Robert Collier married Mary Strangs on February 3, 1570. He is the one that is buried at Stone, England. My son visited this cemetery. Robert had a son named Charles, another one named John, a daughter named Mary, and another son named Isaac, whose son, Isaac, Junior, came from England to America and settled in York County about 1650. Isaac, Junior, married Sarah Lockley. Up in your section you call them Lockeys. We had a Lockley Collier residing near Athens, Georgia, that died two or three years ago. You have Lockey Colliers in York County, Virginia. As Lockely is a common English name, I feel that the Virginia name should be spelled Lockley and not Lockey. In Virginia you have Myhills and Hansfords and Vines and Colliers, all of whom are related. These same families came to Georgia in 1780-85, and we have the same families still scattered through this section.

If you will read your record, it brings in the Thomas Colliers, which is not in mine. They belonged to us, and I am getting up the various branches with a view of bringing them all in, but have not done so because I have not completed the various branches.

I am a Major in the Forest Cavalry Corps, C. V. A. I am a Son of C. V. My membership is in Richmond, Virginia. I was given this honorary place by Colonel William Armistead Collier, and was last with him at Charlotte, N. C., in May, 1929. I know his daughter, Alice, (Mrs. Neely) personally, and his son, Thomas, who is a lawyer. General William A. Collier died in the early fall of 1929.

I know of Robert Thomas Collier, of Petersburg, who, I understand, is deceased. I had a great aunt named Edith. I have a daughter named Evelyn. I have a daughter named Elizabeth.

We have had Cuthbert in the family for many generations. I am trying to connect this up. I haven't it yet very clear.

Williams Vines Collier, whom I have mentioned, had an adopted son named Baines along about 1860. He was a doctor and died in Atlanta, Georgia, along about 1890.

The Stewarts, of Georgia, are connected with us. They reside in Collier and Morgan Counties. The Parhams, of Lagrange, Georgia, are connected with us. Likewise, the Hills. I personally know Wyatt Collier Estes, of Shreveport, Alabama. He was a grandson of Wyatt Collier.

The Coat of Arms that I am using is the correct one. There were two in England. The other Coat belonged to the other Collier family.

I enclose you herewith a copy of the Collier line down to my great-grandfather Robert, who married Martha Marshall Booker on May 1, 1806, as before mentioned.

There were two different families of Colliers that came into Virginia along about 1650 or earlier and in my opinion Cornelius Collier belonged to the other family, but I know that you are a descendant of Isaac Collier, whose

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who died in 1771, because you have eyes just like my grandfather, Robert Marshall Collier; His son, William Efford Collier, deceased; his grandson, William Efford Collier, Junior, of Atlanta, Georgia, now deceased; and John Howard Collier, of Texas, an old man about eighty-four years old, who is still living. You doubtless remember that I mentioned this to you, but I did not say much because it was the first time I had ever met you and I did not want you to think that I knew everything.

You are a descendant of Robert Collier, of Stone, Staffordshire County, England, who married a Miss Doddington, and who died in 1505. You are likewise a descendant of Thomas Vines and his wife Anne, and your ancestor was one of Isaac Collier's and Anne Vines' sons, and I would say that your ancestor was Charles Collier, who married Susannah Smith.

Isaac Collier, who married Anne Vines, had a brother named Charles, who married Judith Harrison; and he was the son of Isaac, Senior, who came to Virginia in 1650, and settled in York County. This Charles, as you will notice in the copy, that I sent you, was an older brother of Vines, who married Sarah Williamson, was an ensign and lieutenant in the French and Indian war in 1758, removed to Wilkes County, Georgia, now Oglethorpe, in 1780, and died in 1795.

He was not buried at the old farm church, as stated in my article which was written about three or four years ago, however, but, as I have since learned, in the family cemetery on the old Collier plantation near Lexington in Oglethorpe County, which was lost for a long time. I have purchased one-half acre of land that the cemetery is located on and my wife, D. A. R. Regent at this place, has ordered a government marker, which is now being made by the government at Washington.

You will read the different children of Vines, Some of these children settled in south Georgia, some in north Georgia, some in West Georgia, and some in Alabama.

I am sending you this copy and hope to bring you more when I come on to Virginia to study out the various branches of the Isaac Collier family, who came to America in 1650.

When I was a merchant back in 1892 to 1900, I used to trade in Petersburg, used to buy shoes from Mr. W. A. Ruffin, used to buy trunks from Seward Trunk and Bag Company by the carload, used to go through Petersburg on my way to New York, but did not know then that I belonged to the Virginia Colliers. I was too busy making a start in life. After I became a cotton manufacturer I used to sell merchandise to the Petersburg Dry Goods Company--a small amount--but a lot of merchandise to Quinn, Marshall & Company, of Lynchburg, and two or three large jobbers in Richmond.

There is a Martha Collier, my first cousin, and her brother, Robert Marshall Collier, that reside on Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, Ga. There are many Vines Colliers

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one in the drug business at Saint Petersburg, Florida, one residing in Washington, D. C., one residing in New York City, a branch of our family residing in Kentucky. I met one of them who was a clerk in the Sinton Hotel in Cincinnati, a very bright chap.

Dandridge Spotswood, who is connected with the Booker family of Virginia, sent me clipping of the marriage of a Mary Boling Collier. Was she the young lady that I met at your home?

I was on a boat about two years ago coming from New York to Savannah and met a Mr. Howard W. R. Biers, who gave me much data regarding the Colliers--the Bookers--the Greenes. I also had a salesman in my office just before I wrote you who was traveling from Petersburg for the Petersburg Steel Company, who gave me your name. He formerly resided at Petersburg.

I failed to mention that Captain J. D. Eggleston, of Hampton, Virginia, whose father to me on the Booker side, gave me a great deal of my data regarding the Virginia Colliers.

Evidently you have a genealogist to get up your record, and they all work for money.

Now, answering your letter in detail, Judge A. H. Sibley's wife, of Marietta, Georgia, and her sister, Mrs. William Byrd Tate, were Colliers, and gave me a part of my data.

Vines Hicks Collier, of Meansville, Georgia, deceased, and Greene Hardaway Collier, of Piedmont, Georgia, deceased, and their father, Williamson Collier, clearly show that we are all connected with the Williamsons, Hicks, and Hardaway families, as these families came into Upson at the same time as my great-grandfather, Robert, did.

I sent Mrs. Brockwell the will of Isaac Collier and of Vines Collier; and, when I come to Virginia, I will get the will of Thomas Vines in York County.

I know quite a few of the Epps family here in Georgia, and they all resemble the Epps that I called on the day I was in your city last November.

I am not sending to Mrs. Brockwell a copy of this letter at all. The reason I sent her a complete copy was because she sent me a small line of data which was not correct. She stated that she belonged to the Collier family that branched off from Thomas Vines, and I wanted to get her to correct her data.

One Thought on “Vines-Collier-Hicks Cupboard, A True Family Heirloom in North Carolina Museum”



Brenda DiCristina

on [April 9, 2018 at 10:26 am](#) said:

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As a direct line descendant of Vines and Robert Collier, I find this very interesting. Once correction: I have a copy of a newspaper article announcing the marriage of Robert Collier and Martha Marshall Booker in WILKES COUNTY, GEORGIA on May 1, 1806. Putnam County was not founded until 1807.

Does anyone have any knowledge of Martha Marshall Booker's parentage?

[Reply↓](#)